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SUBJECT: F-16 DECLASSIFICATION OF LOAS

REF: STATE 135426

1. BEFORE MAKING ANY CONTACT AT POLITICAL LEVEL REGARDING
DECLASSIFICATION OF F-16 LOAS, EMBASSY CONTACTED DIRGEN HELGE
OMRENG, NORWEGIAN STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE, TO
REVIEW THE NORWEGIAN POSITION. OMRENG MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THAT IN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HE HAD SPOKEN AS
MILITARY AND MOD REPRESENTATIVE IN PUTTING FORWARD NORWEGIAN
POSITION OPPOSING DECLASSIFICATION. HE INDICATED HE WAS
SPEAKING IN SAME CAPACITY IN OUR PRESENT MEETING IN WHICH HE
REITERATED GON VIEW;

B. THAT GON CONSIDERED THE FIVE-NATION F-16 PROGRAM TO
DEVELOP AND PRODUCE THE F-16 TO BE A CONSORTIUM AND NOT
AND FMS CASE AND THAT THEREFORE A DECLASSIFICATION SHOULD
NOT BE A UNILATERAL ACTION BY ANY COUNTRY;

C. THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO GON PRACTICE TO PUBLISH
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DETAILS OF ARMS PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS, NOT ONLY
FOR SECURITY REASONS BUT ALSO TO PROTECT CONTRACTORS
BY NOT REVEALING LOADINGS, PRICES, OVERHEAD RATES AND THE
LIKE WHICH COULD BE USED BY COMPETITORS; AND

D. THAT AS FAR AS AGREEING TO DECLASSIFICATION OF
PORTIONS OF THE LOA, HE SAID NORWAY COULD AGREE TO DE-

CLASSIFYING NO MORE OF THE F-16 AGREEMENT THAN WAS PROVIDED TO THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT AND THAT INCLUDED ONLY COST AND GENERAL DELIVERY TIME FRAMES.

2. WHILE WE CAN NOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY GON RESPONSE TO DECLASSIFICATION OF THE LOA, WE BELIEVE NORWEGIANS WOULD REACT VERY NEGATIVELY TO A UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION IN THIS REGARD. AS DEPT KNOWS, GON HAS GIVEN STRONG COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO THE F-16 CONSORTIUM, AND AN ACTION TO DECLASSIFY WOULD IN OUR VIEW UNDERCUT THAT STRONG SUPPORT. IT WOULD AS WELL CAST A SHADOW OVER OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE TWO-WAY STREET IN ARMS COOPERATION GENERALLY.

3. IF, HOWEVER, IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR US TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE THE NORWEGIANS TO PERMIT DECLASSIFICATION OF THE LOA, WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE OUR APPROACH AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL AND WITH VERY PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTATION. EVEN THEN THE GON REACTION WILL LIKELY BE VERY COOL AND WE DOUBT THAT GON WILL ACCEED FULLY TO SUCH A REQUEST.
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